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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 28, 29, 35, 36 and 37 are pending in the subject application and are currently under consideration. Claim 37 is allowed. Claims 1, 28, 35 and 36 have been amended as shown at pages 2-9 of this Reply. The limitations of allowable claim 30 have been added to base claim 28. Claims 6, 8, -27 and 30-34 are cancelled.

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of December 2, 2004 where it was agreed that the herein amendments overcome the cited art of record, and would place the subject application in condition for allowance.

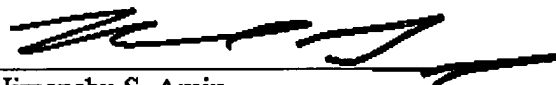
Accordingly, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance, and a prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any additional fees may be due and/or are not covered by the credit card, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 (AMDP630US).

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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